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Mr. Moeder

IF corridor "E" is the route that is chosen for the Beardstown to Jacksonville portion of proposed U.S. 67 Expressway, I would like you to consider the alternate routes I have drawn on the enclosed map.

I believe this would lessen the impact on the lives of the people whose homes are in the way along the present U.S. 67. Hopefully the alternates might also lower construction costs.

Thank you

Hart Hoffman
9411 U.S. HWY. 67
Beardstown, IL 62618

The alternate routes drawn in pink would miss several homes along existing U.S. 67. The H-pole power line already divides farms as far as potential for irrigation. Most of the ground the H-poles are built on is poor quality farm land that is in the CRP program or scrub oak sand timber. I believe the elevation of the ground would lessen the amount of fill dirt that would need moved along present U.S. 67.

Some questions?

Who would take over maintaining old RT 67. Would bridge at Indian Creek be left for local traffic.

Would Cass Cty Hwy Dept. or Hager Township take over maintenance. Would state maintain as Frontage Rd.

- current State + Township Rd.
- Creeks + drainage ditches
- CIPS H-pole Power Line (Approximate)
- Possible Alternate Routes

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E Alignment would have less impact on Tropic School District with the loss of revenues and would not be a hazard for the kids with the road so close.

I have questions about the traffic data projections. I think they need to be re-evaluated. Because it looks like Alignment A is going to be justified based on traffic projections and not on actual numbers that show Alignment E with the major of traffic.

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Name: Robert Hudby
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Address: P.O. Box 181 58100
Corcord, IL 62631

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I prefer (please circle one): A Alignment E Alignment

Against A Alignment

I feel that if the road is being built for economy reasons that the E Alignment is the only choice.

Alignment A.

requires more new r.o.w. and takes more agriculture farm ground.

The traffic pattern is going to Mercedia + Chapin so why build a road away from the two towns that would have major economy and traffic through them?

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Sept. 12, 2001

Ill. Dept. of Transportation
IDOT Expressway Rte 67 Committee
126 E. Ash St
Springfield, IL 62704-4792
Att: Victor Modeer

Dear Mr. Modeer:
We would like to object to the
proposed 67 corridor in Cass and Morgan
communities due to the environmental destruction
especially the Meredosia Hills prairie.
WOULD YOU PLEASE USE THE
EXISTING RTE 67 RIGHT-OF-WAY
RATHER THAN A NEW CORRIDOR?
Thank you.

Sincerely,
Robert & Alice Henry

Robert & Alice Henry
24 Grandview Dr
Macomb, IL 61455-9705

LOREN R. & JOY FRENCH BECKER
1719 LEACH FARM ROAD
JACKSONVILLE, ILLINOIS 62650-6123
TELEPHONE: 217-245-2054

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September 12, 2001

Mr. Victor Modeer
District Engineer
District 6

Illinois Department of Transportation
126 East Ash Street
Springfield, Illinois 62704-4792

Dear Mr. Modeer:

As our family has discussed with you and your office on several occasions, if Corridor 67
uses Alternate E, we are very much in favor of the route following the existing highway.
We are well aware that this will mean losing our house and barn. This option is our
preference. We do not want this road to go north to avoid the buildings.

There are three reasons that we prefer that you follow the old highway. First of all, using
the existing route will bring the road closer to Chapin, even though the exits will have a
similar design. Anything that can be done to help the village should be done. Secondly,
this route would not cut our three farms into pieces. If the road goes north, two of these
farms will be divided for the second time, and the third farm will be cut for the first time.
Thirdly, if the highway goes north, we will have the house, the barn and the bin on an
island surrounded by roads. This is not our wish.

It is our understanding that the earlier property issues concerning the cemetery and the
historic filling station have been resolved, and we are enclosing a copy of the original
letter as a reminder of these. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. If you
have any questions or wish further comments, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Joy French Becker

Joy French Becker
1719 Leach Farm Road
Jacksonville, Illinois 62650-6123

Elizabeth French Becker

Elizabeth French Becker
1708 US Highway 67
Chapin, Illinois 62628

Loren R. Becker, Tenant

Loren R. Becker, Tenant
1719 Leach Farm Road
Jacksonville, Illinois 62650-6123

Kristanne Joy Becker Hoffman

Kristanne Joy Becker Hoffman
11 Sunset Drive
Jacksonville, Illinois 62650

Tom Rae Hall

Tom Rae Hall, Trust Officer
The Farmers State Bank & Trust Company
Trustee for the Residual Trust of
Arthur Joy French

JFB,jb

Enclosures

CC: Michael E. Vanderhoof

We have several concerns regarding "A Alignment." This route
would cut through our family farm, which has been in the Huppe family
since 1915. We are not opposed to progress and realize the road must go on
someone's property. However, we feel "E Alignment" would be a better
route for the following reasons:

1. Although the initial cost would be cheaper for "A
Alignment," we are wondering about the future. Even
though "E Alignment" would be more expensive to build,
after construction there would be only one road to maintain.
If "A Alignment" is used, two roads would need to be
maintained. At the present, road repairs are costly, and it is
hard to budget enough money for repairs for existing roads.
"E Alignment" would provide one less road to maintain. It
would also follow existing Route 67 as was initially
planned.
2. There is more business along "E Alignment" that would
involve considerable truck traffic. "A Alignment" is mainly
a farming community with less truck traffic.
3. "A Alignment" has several areas of environmental
concerns. There are several areas along the
Arenzville/Meredosia Road that contain endangered plant
and animal life.
4. "A Alignment" would go through many acres of virgin farm
land. This is a farming community with farms that have
never been split before.

While we are not opposed to progress and enjoy traveling well-
maintained roads, we hope you will take our points into
consideration. Thank you.

James M. Huppe
Sharon Huppe

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ALREADY HAVE WHY TEAR UP MORE GOOD FARM
GROUND, THAT IS NEEDED FOR AN EXPLOITING
POPULATION (NATIONWIDE) BECAUSE OF SOMETHING
THAT WE JUST DO NOT NEED!?

AND I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU
ARE PRETENDING TO CARE ABOUT INHABIT FROM
THE PUBLIC WHEN YOU WON'T LISTEN TO US
ANYWAY!

IF THIS EXPRESSWAY HAS TO BE BUILT, THE
E ALIGNMENT WOULD MAKE MORE SENSE BECAUSE
IT FOLLOWS AN EXISTING ROADWAY AND WOULD CAUSE
LESS LONG-TERM DAMAGE - IT WOULD ALSO HAVE A
SMALLER IMPACT ON ENDANGERED OR RARE ANIMALS

ILLINOIS ALREADY HAS THE THIRD
HIGHEST AMOUNT OF ROADS IN THE
FIFTY STATES, AND YET THESE SAME
ROADS ARE ALWAYS IN OR AROUND THE
TOP 5 FOR BEING IN THE WORST
CONDITION. WHY ARE WE WASTING MONEY
BUILDING A NEW ROAD THAT JUST IS
NOT GOING TO BE TAKEN CARE OF?

WANT PROOF? DRIVE DOWN INTERSTATE
55 FROM CHICAGO TO SPRINGFIELD
WITHOUT RUNNING INTO SEVERAL
CONSTRUCTION ZONES. THIS WOULD NOT
HAPPEN IF THESE ROADS WERE BUILT RIGHT
TO START WITH, AND THEN PROPERLY MAINTAINED.
THE MONEY WE ARE WASTING ON THIS PROJECT
WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVELY SPENT ON
FIXING AND MAINTAINING THE ROADS THAT WE

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Name: _____
Affiliation: _____
Address: _____

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Road doesn't lead to B'town expansion

To the editor:

We are writing this letter in regards to the Corridor 87 project. My husband and I met as far back as 5 years ago with representatives of the Illinois Department of Transportation's District 6 in the Springfield office, and we attended all the hearings that they have had around our area, including the Aug. 9 meeting at the Beardstown Gard School.

I still wants to put the four lane bridge and highway right next to Beardstown, and this will be built 30 feet high because of the flood plain. They have decided to move the bridge a few hundred feet to miss disturbing the Illinois Chorus Frog, which is an endangered species, but they won't move it to the original plan, which was 1/2 mile west of the 6th Street junction.

The extra space would give Beardstown room for expansion. With the current plan, not only will Beardstown have no room for growth, but two businesses, Abigail's in the Country and our Dyche Rentals and Mobile Home Supplies, will be wiped out, along with a bunch of homes. On its plans, IDOT shows zero businesses wiped out, but that is not true. The downtown will be completely dead.

Beardstown has a river on one side, a swamp on the south side; it would not be feasible for new businesses on the east side, so it gives Beardstown only the west side to grow. Yet IDOT still wants to put a high-

way right next to our town, cutting off our room to grow.

The highway will be no good to Excel or our Industrial Park. Beardstown's future looks very bleak, as far as ever being able to ever grow with businesses, restaurants and motels.

You never build on the other side of a four lane highway; just look at Toronto Road in Springfield, and you can see those businesses could not survive because a highway cut them off.

Everyone will travel on to the cities to do their shopping because the stores will be closer. All the truck traffic will still have to come to the Hardee's junction and go over the overpass to Arenaville Road, unless they come from Springfield.

What did we gain here? Nothing.

We want to see our town grow with a new riverfront, shops, restaurants, motels, and this can't be done when you slap a highway right next to our town and close off the Sixth Street Junction. If this would be all moved 1/2 mile west of 6th

Street Junction, like it was suggested in the beginning, all these problems would be eliminated, and Beardstown could move forward.

This is a very serious situation for Beardstown and will have a long term impact. My husband and I will be compensated well for our businesses and property, but what about Beardstown? It will never be compensated. Beardstown will die on the vine, and we don't want to see this happen.

Isn't it sad when IDOT will move a bridge a few hundred feet to save a frog but won't move it to save Beardstown? IDOT's comment the other night was that the plan stands. The result: All the traffic has to go south of town and then exit back in.

Isn't it sad when a four-lane highway in Jacksonville is moved west so that town can have room for expansion and we can't? Also, Rushville got the highway moved west from the community because they got a new prison, and they have room for business growth. Where are all the

Beardstown people and the business people when these hearings are held? Beardstown you'd best wake up before it's too late.

Have you ever thought that this all boils down to politics? Where is our senator, our representatives and congressman? Whether you know it or not, Beardstown needs your help to get this moved away from our town so we can grow.

Don't be fooled when they tell you that this plan can't be moved, because they moved it in Rushville. Don't ever let them tell you they can't move back to the original plan because of the big bluff in Schuyler County. What about the big bluffs and rock boulders in Branson, Mo.? They have no problem getting through them.

I'm sorry, but we can't go along with IDOT's reasoning. You want to do it your way and forget Beardstown ever moved ahead. Don't be surprised if there are petitions being signed opposing your plan.

Bettigall and Bill Dyche
Beardstown

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☐ A Alignment ☒ E Alignment

I prefer (please circle one):

THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER
WERE VERY HELPFUL.

Name: S.J. HUBBARD

Affiliation: #

Address: R.R. 3 Box 16 AA EXHIBIT 14

Address: Rushville, IL 62681

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☐ A Alignment ☒ E Alignment

I prefer (please circle one):

2 Will upset less houses
3 Will save 40 million we lost
3 will be 4 to 5 miles shorter
from I-55 to B'town

Name: Son Stacks

Affiliation: LAND OWNER

Address: #1 SANSOM

Beardstown IL 62618

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I prefer (please circle one):

I prefer alignment a because it takes over less homes and farmsteads. However, I would prefer to be the best economically when considering development. Mediasa could really use the IL River and the corridor to promote their area and try to develop industry.

Name:

Affiliation:

Address:

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It seems to me that this route would make more sense. It is a shorter route and would end up costing less in the long run. This route also is part of a section of the town that is already busy with traffic. If this route was decided on, it looks as if more land, not houses would be taken from families. Being someone that would lose their home if alignment "E" was taken.

Name: Michelle Wernies
Affiliation:
Address: 2315 US Hwy 67
Arenaville, IL 62601

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COPY

Jacksonville, IL 62650
February 6, 2001

To:
Victor Modeer
District #6 Engineer
Illinois Dept. of Transportation
126 E. Ash Street
Springfield, IL 62704-4766

Dear Mr. Modeer:

Our concern about the selection of the route that is selected for Corridor 67 between the point west of Jacksonville to Beardstown prompts this communication.

We feel to follow the present Route 67 would provide a tremendous improvement for the great amount of traffic involving the Illinois River from north of I-72 to Meredosia and beyond.

Naples has two grain elevators into which trucks bring grain to be shipped by barge. Meredosia has Cargill, a grain facility; IMC Agri Business; T/A Terminal; Bader Agricultural Services Inc.; National Starch & Chemical Co. and Ameren-CIPS. Just across the river from Meredosia is Meredosia Terminal and in Brown County is Dot Foods Inc. and the State Prison. All these facilities involve a great number of transport trucks coming into and going out of the area, many of them seven days a week.

This area is important to the local economy and to the economy of the State of Illinois. Corridor 67 coming into this immediate area would make economic development and growth more likely.

Would it not be more practical to have a good new highway in the area where the heavy truck traffic is greater than to use another route and still have the present route that would continue to require maintenance?

Following present Route 67 to the Meredosia area instead of the other route would mean very little difference in distance. An inconsequential distance when you consider the highway would serve so many more vehicles serving the economy of the Meredosia and surrounding area.

It is essential that this area have this improvement in order to maintain and to further expand this area of potential growth.

Please consider these points as the decision is being made.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn S. Moore
Marilyn S. Moore

Jack C. Moore
Jack C. Moore
304 Westwinds Drive
Jacksonville, IL 62650

cc: Sen. Laura Kent Donahue
U.S. Rep. Ray LaHood
Rep. Rich Meyers
Ameren-CIPS
Bader Agricultural Service, Inc.
Cargill Inc.
IMC Agri-Business
Meredosia Terminal
National Starch & Chemical Co.
T/A Terminal, Inc.

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Meredosia is a beautiful area and the corridor is the opportunity.

Name: Jack C. Moore
Affiliation: Meredosia No. 6 School
Address: 409 Montgomery
Meredosia, IL 62650

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I prefer (please circle one):

A Alignment

E Alignment

want E picked - change
shelter and A-ville & Concord
Don't want it. DASH does
but will not help as much
as the local Yanks think.
Help Frazee keep old 67
open for taxes & put union
workers working

Name: Lacey L. Edler
Affiliation: TAX payer
Address: Meredonia, Ill.

quit exp. 14.5 if possible

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I prefer (please circle one):

A Alignment

E Alignment

Name: Charlene S. Ester
Affiliation:
Address: 401 Montgomery
Meredonia, IL 62665

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I prefer (please circle one):

A Alignment

E Alignment

The sooner the better!

Name: John L. Lunn
Affiliation: College of Merchants
Address: 520 Lake
Meredonia, Ill.

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E Alignment

I strongly oppose the 'A' alignment for the following reasons:

- * Long term costs of maintaining the existing Rt. 67 along with 'A' alignment outweighs the estimated savings of \$40 mil.
- * 'A' severs more farms, requires more right of way that is agricultural land.
- * Stop signs at Concord-Arenzville Rd and 'A' alignment - dangerous. Bus routes will require buses to cross 4 lanes of 6.5 mi. (or more) an hour traffic, as well as

parents and young drivers.

* Makes more sense for an existing highway to be expanded than to send a 4 lane expressway through small towns and agricultural areas.

* Meredonia is willing to take on the economic development and they have more to offer than Concord.

* Traffic will not be reduced on Rt. 67 as much as you think if the alignment is 'A'.

Name: Jennifer Heady
Affiliation: P.O. Box 181
Address: 507 Morgan St.
Concord, IL 62631

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I am not happy with the placement of this highway. I bought my 9 acre home place 10 years ago because of the quiet and solitude. My taxes (property) since have went up 300%, a prison is coming within 1/2 mile and now an interstate within 200 meters. My place is going up for sale.

Name: Francis Detmer

Affiliation:

Address: RR, 1, Box 431
Rushville, IL.

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Alignment E will best serve the current & projected traffic flow, especially the truck traffic to & from Mendota. The extra \$40,000,000 would be well spent on Alignment E.

Name: James DeBoer

Affiliation:

Address: 412 French St
Chapin, IL 62628

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I prefer (please circle one): ☐ A Alignment ☒ E Alignment

Alignment E is Best for the Village of Chapin and we Hoping more business will sprout up along the highway. Opening up Hwy. serving & making our Village viable.

Name: Joyce DeBoer

Affiliation:

Address: 412 French St. P.O. Box 197
Chapin, IL 62628

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